GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF HIJACKED AIRBUS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airbus 300 belonging to Indian Airlines which was hijacked to Kandhar in December, 1999 has been stationed at a hanger in Mumbai;

(b) whether global tenders were floated for sale of this aircraft;

(c) if so, the details of the bids received by the Government; and

(d) the reasons for delay in disposal of this aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Airbus A-300 hijacked to Kandhar in December 1999, is presently parked in a hanger at Mumbai.

(b): Yes, Sir. First tender was released on 27th March, 2000. The tender was re-floated with last date of submission as 30th May,2000.

(c): M/s Aviation Systems, USA was the only bidder offering $23,75,000.00.

(d): The reasons for delay in the disposal of the aircraft are as under:-

- The aircraft was impounded by the CBI on 5th February,2000 and released on Superdari (undertaking) and was to be kept in safe custody, and to be produced for investigation as and when required. The Superdari was vacated by the HighCourt of Punjab and Haryana on 31st January, 2001.

- On 25th April, 2001 M/s Aviation Systems, USA declined to purchase the aircraft.

- The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its meeting held on 5th December, 2001 decided that:
- the aircraft be cannibalized.

- the hull may be offered for sale through the Metal Scrap Trading Corporation.